



December 2021

HAPPY NATIONAL LAZY MOM'S DAY!



NATIONALLY RECOGNIZED, THE FIRST FRIDAY IN SEPTEMBER IS MOM'S DAY TO TAKE THE DAY OFF. GRAB YOUR FAVORITE SWEETS, AND RELAX!

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National Fight Procrastination Day

DO IT
...LATER

Happy
Grandparents
Day!

September
16th



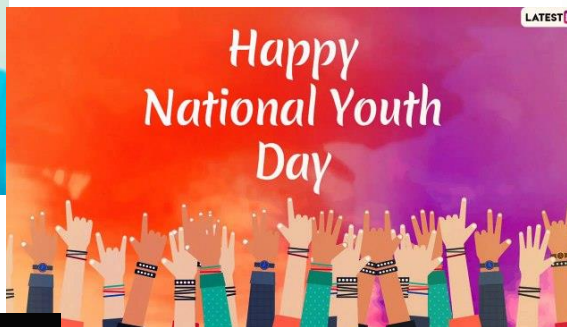
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**NATIONAL
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NURSE'S
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OCTOBER 11**



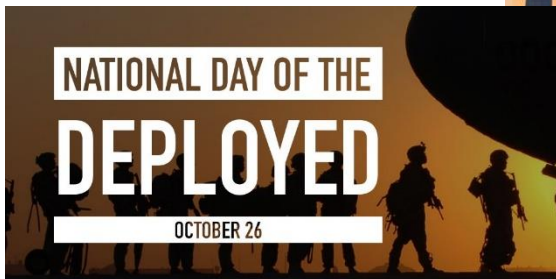
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Happy
National Youth
Day



**NATIONAL DAY OF THE
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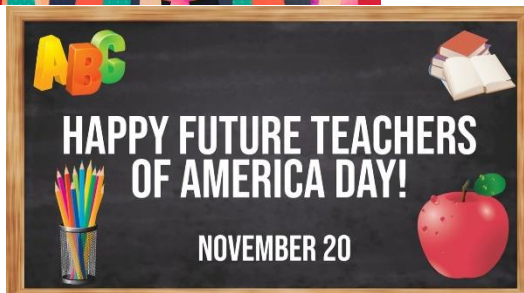
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**HAPPY FUTURE TEACHERS
OF AMERICA DAY!**

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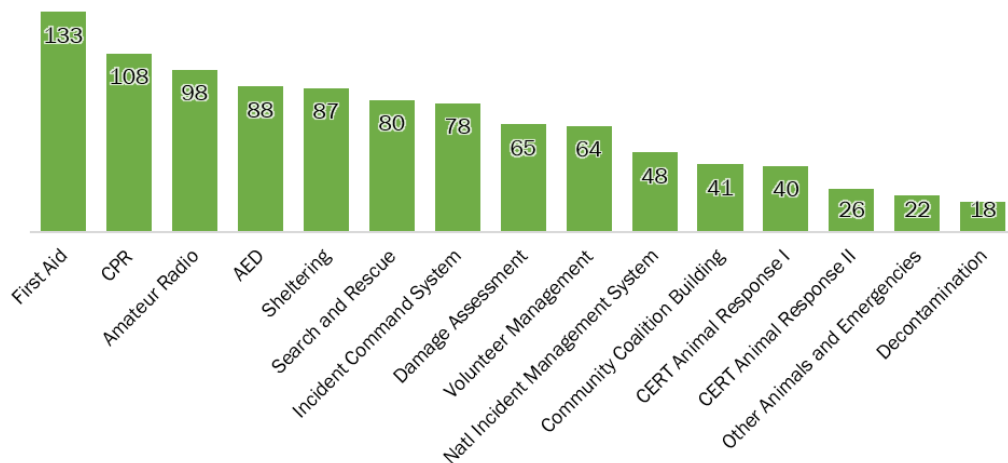
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The 2020 Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Annual Certification results are in. They provide insight into the activities of CERTs nationwide. The results are particularly striking because they highlight CERTs' incredible diversity. This diversity includes the types of communities they serve, training they undergo, and deployment activities with which they assist.

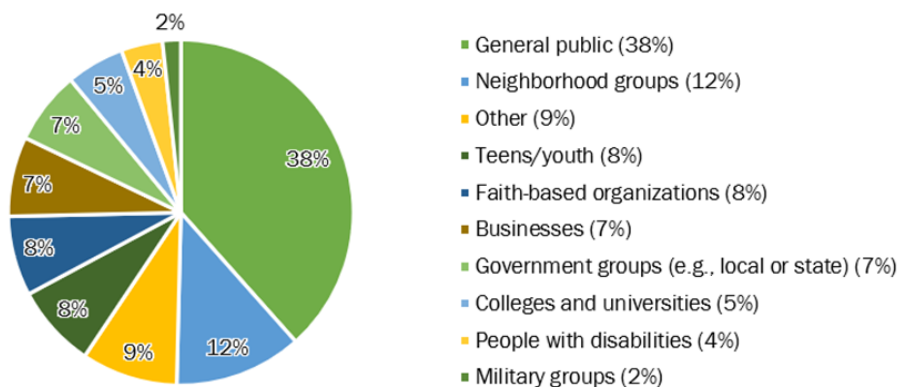
CERT Programs Offering Specific Training in Addition to CERT Basic Training



The graphs in this article were developed from the 2020 Certification results, in which CERTs were asked to report basic information and program activities that occurred during 2020.

The versatility of CERTs shown in these results highlights their great success in equipping their communities with the ability to prepare for hazards.

Training Audience Types



[Story: 2020 Certification Results \(fema.gov\)](https://www.fema.gov/story/2020-certification-results)



Membership



Calling all CERT volunteers!!

The **CERT Association of Illinois** ranks are growing! We now have 163 members spanning 65 jurisdictions. This is fantastic.... but we want more!

The Association now has an **Outreach Committee** that can contact jurisdictions throughout the State and help identify existing CERT teams and offer membership in the Association. **Kurt Clifford (McHenry County EMA)**, **Gary Mills (Buffalo Grove CERT and Phillip Mason (Cook County EMA))** are now performing those outreach endeavors. If interested in joining the Marketing Committee and helping Kurt, Gary, and Phillip, please contact us using the link below to express your interest. il.cert.assoc@gmail.com

To date, these jurisdictions are interested in starting CERT teams and the Association is helping in those efforts.

Macon County	Crawford County
St. Charles	Edgar County
Kendall County	Elburn
Shawnee	Evanston
Fayette County	Lombard



The Interim Board has updated the **Member Application on the CERT Association website** with additional information. This will allow us to have a more robust profile of our members that reflect not only basic contact and skills information but also information on each CERT Team's Lead Contact, a member's CERT Certification, any CERT related Social Media sites that might be shared, and any affiliation with organized Emergency Management Services.

Please fill out and send the application as soon as possible. Follow this link for the application.

<https://www.certillinois.com/become-a-member/>

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Member Highlight

Congratulations CERT Train-the-Trainer Class 2021-2



On November 13-14, 2021, the CERT Association of Illinois held a CERT Train-the-Trainer (TtT) class at the DuPage County Fairgrounds in Wheaton, Illinois.

We congratulate the following persons in successful completion of the two-day course.

Laura Braden, Alsip CERT
Timothy Briody, Wauconda CERT
Carol Cadle, Carol Stream CERT
Scott Cash, Huntley PD
Joe Cluchey, South Elgin Fire Dept
Jim Devitt, Milton Township CERT

Steven Kazak, Addison PD
Francisco Gomez, West Chicago PD
Cheryl Mini, Waukegan Fire Dept.
Thomas Ochs, Highland Park Police Dept CERT
Chad Reese, Aurora EMA

The Association wishes to thank the following CERT Instructors for their hard work and time teaching this class:

Richard Frizelis, Association Board Member and Chicago CERT,
David Sezonov, Milton Township CERT
Greg Durbin, Wauconda CERT
Trish Billings, Association Lead Trainer and Milton Township CERT

Please do not hesitate to contact the Association should you have interest in the program and/or if you have questions. We can be reached il.cert.assoc@gmail.com. Visit our website at <https://certillinois.com>.



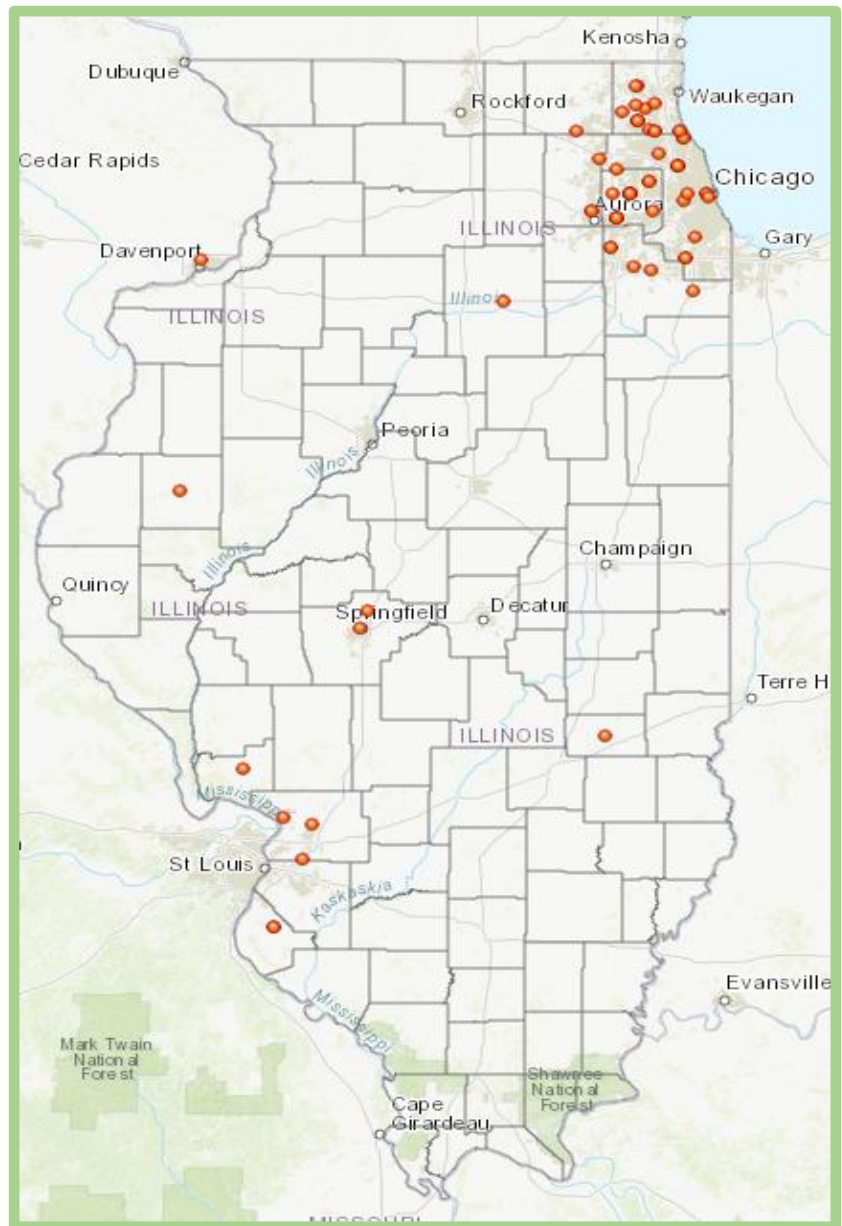
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Illinois CERT teams, The CERT Association of Illinois is putting together a list of all Illinois CERT team Facebook pages. **We would also like to follow your pages!** If you have a Facebook page for your CERT organization, please send the link to the Newsletter Committee:

Kurt Clifford il.cert.assoc@gmail.com Sheri Drotor shd@cumberlandhealth.org

Looking for a CERT friend?
Follow the link here to find
out where they're located.

[CERT Members \(arcgis.com\)](https://arcgis.com)





Training

2021 Dates	What	Topic	Location
1/21	Executive Bd Mtg*		ZOOM
1/26	Member Meeting*	Traffic Control & Management	ZOOM
2/15	Executive Bd Mtg*		ZOOM
2/23	Member Meeting*	Disaster Psychology	ZOOM
3/15	Executive Bd Mtg*		ZOOM
3/23	Member Meeting*	Suspicious Package/Bomb Awareness	ZOOM
4/19	Executive Bd Mtg*		ZOOM
4/27	Member Meeting*	Cyber Security & HIPPA Privacy	ZOOM
5/17	Executive Bd Mtg*		ZOOM
5/21-22	CERT Train-the-Trainer	CERT Train-the-Trainer	DuPage Co. Fairgrounds
5/25	Member Meeting*	Animal Care & Control	ZOOM
6/21	Executive Bd Mtg*		ZOOM
6/22	Member Meeting*	Incident Command On-Scene Management	ZOOM
7/19	Executive Bd Mtg*		ZOOM
No Meeting	Member Meeting*	Summer Break	NA
7/12-17	CERT Natl. Conference	CERT Natl. Conference	Springfield, MO
8/16	Executive Bd Mtg*		ZOOM
8/24	Member Meeting*	National CERT Conference Overview	ZOOM
9/7-10	IEMA Training Summit	Cancelled due to COVID	Cancelled
9/20	Executive Bd Mtg*		ZOOM
9/28	Member Meeting*	Runners Aid at Running Events	ZOOM
10/18	Executive Bd Mtg*		ZOOM
10/26	Member Meeting*	ICS in CERT	ZOOM
11/6	Prairie State Challenge	Prairie State Challenge	ZOOM
11/13-14	CERT Train-the-Trainer	CERT Train-the-Trainer	DuPage Co. Fairgrounds
11/15	Executive Bd Mtg*		ZOOM
11/16	Member Meeting*	CERT Challenge & TTT Recaps	ZOOM
12/6	Executive Bd Mtg*		ZOOM
12/14	Member Meeting*	Situational Awareness	ZOOM

* Meetings are held by video conferencing unless notified differently.

2022 Dates	What	Topic	Location
8/15-17	Preconference Training	Info Coming Soon	Galveston, TX
8/18-20	CERT Natl. Conference	Info Coming Soon	Galveston, TX

[Events – CERT Association of Illinois \(certillinois.com\)](https://certillinois.com)

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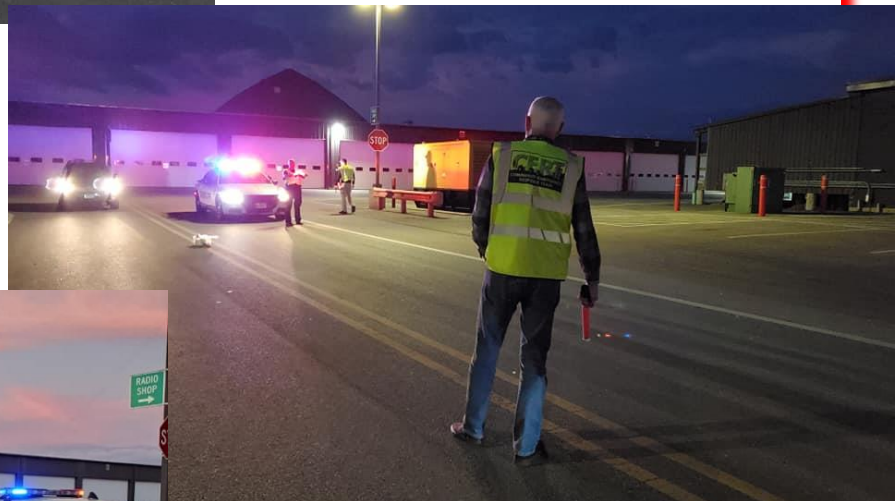
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Training



Past Training

September 23 - A portion of the **Mundelein CERT team** participated in traffic training instructed by our **Lake County Sheriff's Office Auxiliary Deputy Unit** friends. It's important to get this training so our members can safely assist with traffic at events and parades.



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November 30 – **New Lenox CERT** members met at the New Lenox Public Works Facility for the purpose of setting-up team building exercises.

Team members were then divided into four teams that spent 15 minutes at each of the following stations:

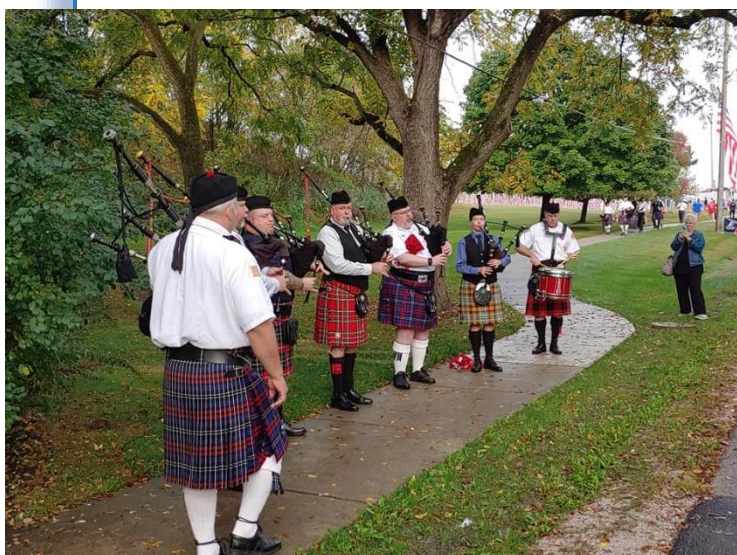
1. Walk the Planks.
2. Balance Board Challenge.
3. PVC Pipe / Golf Ball Transport.
4. Spaghetti / Marshmallow Tower Building.



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October 3 – South Lake County CERT was proud to assist at Lake Zurich's Tunnel to Towers Run.



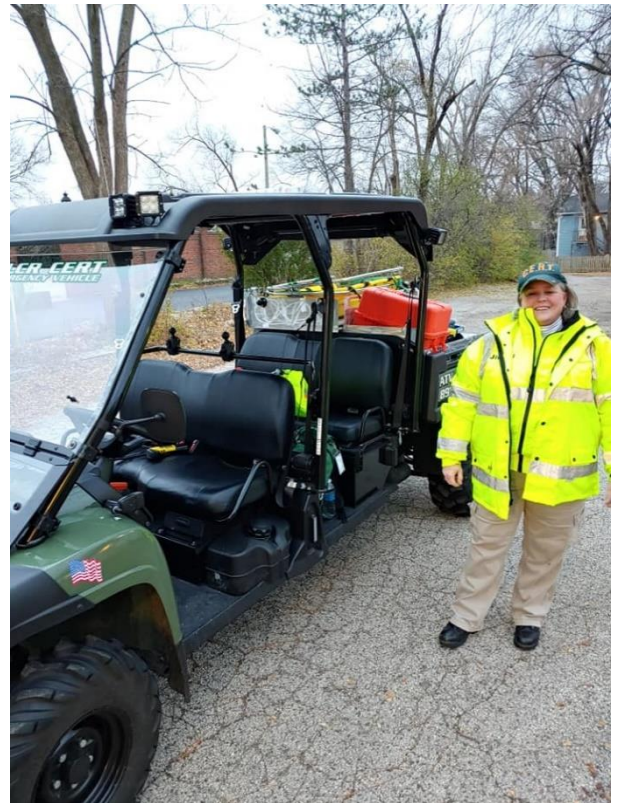
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November 25 - SLCR CERT is running the first Aid Tent and various course duties throughout the Long Grove Turkey Trot. Good luck everyone, stay safe!



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North Region info TBD

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Central Region info TBD

South

South Region info TBD

Board Members (Interim)

Balla, Tonya - Mundelein Fire Department

Clifford, Kurt – McHenry County EMA

Rich Frizelis – Chicago CERT

James, Randy - South Lake County Regional CERT

Moos, Mike - Sherman Emergency Management Agency

Wilson, Rich – Buffalo Grove Emergency Management Agency



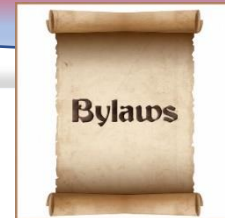
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Oversight Committees

ByLaws – Randy James (SLCC)

Training – Rich Frizelis (Chicago CERT)
Laura Townsend (Northbrook CERT)
Trish Billings (Milton Township CERT)



Web Site – Mike Moos (Sherman Emergency Management Agency)



Social Media – Tonya Balla (Mundelein Fire Dept)
Beth Drendel (North Aurora Police Dept)

Newsletter – Kurt Clifford (McHenry County EMA)
Sheri Drotor (Cumberland County Health Dept)



Meetings / Agendas – Rich Wilson (Buffalo Grove EMA)

Meeting Minutes – Kurt Clifford (McHenry County EMA)

Membership – Kurt Clifford (McHenry County EMA)

Geocoding - Edgar Rodriguez (McDonough County ESDA)



Outreach – Kurt Clifford (McHenry County EMA)
Gary Mills (Buffalo Grove CERT)
Phillip Mason (Cook County EMA)



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